

## HE IS MENELEK'S BISMARCK.

## HOW LEONTIEFF, ADVENTURER, FOOLED THE BRITISH

### His Bibles Were Rifles—Deceived the Diplomats and Carried Arms to the Abyssinian King—Why the Cross Looks to Him

It now appears that Leontieff has been making a fool of the English all the time that they thought they were making a fool of him. Leontieff is one of the world's visionaries who fall into a niche where the methods of the visionary are practical, while ordinary practical methods are visionary.

A London correspondent of the New York Press says: Nobody knew anything about this man until after the victory of Menelek and his Abyssinians over the Italians. Then his name was mentioned as the head of a Russian expedition of five priests and civilian followers which was going with several boxes of Bibles to pay their respects to the black conqueror, whose religious creed is closely allied to that of the church of which the czar is the head.



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the outfit of his army. "Well, let them come. It will amuse my queen to look on a foreign priest."

**The Text in the Bible.**

At his first audience with Menelek with the priests standing by without a sus-

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compared to my Leontieff's fan." "The dagger is equal to all that Leontieff claimed for it," she killed a snailing smile. "I would not have been so easily deceived. I would have given you a little blow—to say nothing of the babies she has stabbed to make a name for herself."

**Foiled the English.**

"We'll treat this English expedition as you say, my good friend, Leontieff," said Menekoff. So he did. Leontieff withdrew and Menekoff mentioned to Colonel Rodd as an odd Russian who had come with Bibles and the king and queen. The English were flattered and said of course he wanted to be on the friendliest terms with Queen Victoria.

Rodd departed under the conviction that Menekoff meant a puppet was sheer nonsense. Then and with the king and queen had a good laugh over how they had fooled themselves over the flasco of a certain Russian officer has been in England this week to remove the embargo placed on Bibles which he had bought in Birmingham. In this he has succeeded.

refused his trade, he could just as well buy his Bibles of England's hated commercial rival, Germany. He got the first cargo out of port and made arrangements for another.

**More Theological Supplies.**

London reporters have been asking him

"Str, why should I want rifles?" was the injured reply. "I am no soldier. Of course, they are Bibles. Truly, What object should I have in deceiving you?"

He is buying a large number of field

luna in France. About a year ago he had friends in Paris, but he had no friends in England. The English have awakened to the meaning of his work. The papers admit now that he is no clown, but a fearless, cool adventurer. It is his ambition to have Abyssinia extend her domain as far as the Nile and cover territory where the English have long been claiming rights belonging to Egypt. He is inviting Russians to train Menelek's soldiers. The Abyssinian army numbers 100,000 men. Fully armed and organized, their courage was proven in their battles with

the Italians—they amount to trouble. The massive England and the massive France, the massive English when ever England and Russia come to blows flatters at once his violent hatred of Englishmen and all things English, except, of course, English rifles. His love of the country and his peculiarity medieval talent and disposition. Thus he has suddenly sprung into great importance.

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**His Especial Charm.**

From the Detroit Free Press.

She—"All the girls think your friend a charming conversationalist."

Yes; Dick is a fellow of very few words.

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